

Limited Submissions

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Tufts University

LIMITED SUBMISSION: USDA NIFA Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)

*****PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED*****

DEADLINES:

Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: February 16 *by noon*

Sponsor Deadline: March 28, 2018

For those interested, please send an **email of intent** to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOIs received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. *The name of the solicitation,*
2. *The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,*
3. *A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.*

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see <http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/>

PROGRAM INFORMATION: This program supports research and extension projects that have robust collaborations to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are relevant to USDA priorities identified by the Secretary of Agriculture. WAMS-funded project activities must support the creation, adaptation, and adoption of learning materials and teaching strategies to operationalize what we know about how students learn. WAMS-funded projects shall also focus on imparting both technical knowledge as well as 'soft' skills such as communication, team work, and problem solving, as these are abilities expected by employers.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The priorities of this program are projects targeting K-14 students (kindergarten through first two years of post-secondary schooling). **4-year undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral focused projects will not be awarded.** NIFA intends this program to address educational needs, as determined by each institution, within broadly defined areas of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences. Applications recommended for funding must highlight and emphasize the development of a competent and qualified workforce in the food, agricultural, natural resources and human sciences (FAHN sciences). WAMS-funded projects should improve the economic health and viability of rural communities by developing research and extension initiatives that focus on new and emerging employment opportunities in STEM occupations. Projects that contribute to the economic viability of rural communities are also encouraged.

WAMS projects should focus on the purpose of one or more of the FY 2018 Need Areas. Please note that at least one of these Need Areas must be indicated on the Project Summary (see RFA). In addition to the Education Need Areas, applicant may choose to develop studies that have relevancy and application within the communities that these institutions serve.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: There are no restrictions or limits on who may serve as PI.

AWARD INFORMATION: The anticipated amount available for WAMS grant in FY 2018 is approximately \$400,000. Proposals may request up to \$100,000 in funding. **Please note that a 100% match (cost share) is required.**

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FURTHER INFORMATION: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/women-and-minorities-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-fields>

NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.